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SUBJECT: IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS RESIDING IN VIETNAM

REF: (A) STATE 82347
(B) BANGKOK 7687

1. CONGEN INFORMED BY HONG KONG IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL (CHADDERTON), WHO RETURNED 7/6 FROM VIETNAM ON HKG EVACUATION FLIGHT, THAT THE HKG REP IN SAIGON HAS REQUESTED THAT CONGEN NOT ISSUE ANY MORE LETTERS REGARDING THE IMMIGRANT VISA STATUS OF VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS REGISTERED WITH THE CONSULATE. HE CLAIMS THESE LETTERS ARE GIVING FALSE HOPES TO THESE PEOPLE, WHO, WHEN APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS NOT FORTHCOMING FROM SRV AUTHORITIES, SEEK TO LEAVE VIETNAM BY BOAT. ESCAPE ATTEMPTS, HE CLAIMS, ARE RESULTING IN DEATH OR IMPRISONMENT MANY OF THESE FAMILIES.

2. WE HAVE REQUESTED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFICS AND NAMES OF POTENTIAL IV APPLICANTS RESIDING IN VIETNAM KILLED OR CAPTURED IN ATTEMPTING TO GET OUT OF VIETNAM ILLEGALLY. CHADDERTON, WHO WILL BE PROCEEDING TO VIETNAM WITH NEXT HKG EVACUATION FLIGHT JULY 13, WAS
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PROMISED NAMES OF FAMILIES THAT HAD DISAPPEARED.

3. NORMAL PRACTICE FOR ESCAPEES, ACCORDING TO HKG REP, IS TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO REMAINING RELATIVES IN SRV WITH PREDETERMINED CODED MESSAGE USING FALSE NAME AS SENDER, TO INFORM FAMILY THEY HAD REACHED SAFETY. MANY FAMILIES IN SRV IT SEEMS HAVE YET TO RECEIVE

SUCH MESSAGES MORE THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ATTEMPTED
ESCAPE.

4. CONGEN IS NO LONGER ISSUING LETTERS REFERRED TO ABOVE.
IN LATE 1976 CONGEN DID ISSUE A FEW FORM LETTERS
SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH WE FORWARD TO POTENTIAL IV
APPLICANTS IN THE PRC WHO ARE SEEKING EXIT PERMITS.
ALTHOUGH WE STILL RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR SUCH LETTERS
FROM RELATIVES IN U.S. AND/OR HONG KONG, WE HAVE
NOT ISSUED ANY SINCE EARLY APRIL WHEN WE BEGIN
TRANSFERRING ALL SRV-RESIDENT IV FILES TO EMBASSY
BANGKOK, PER REFTEL (A).

5. INFO REFERRED TO PARA 2 ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED
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